GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FEMALE DROP OUT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the number of female drop outs in education is increasing day by day;

(b) If so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) The steps taken/proposed to be taken to make improvement in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI HAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) & (b): The rate of female drop out has come down from 65% in 1960-61 to 39.74% in 1998-99 in primary classes and from 78% in 1960-61 to 56.82% in 1998-99 in upper primary classes.

(c): The Central and State Governments have taken several steps to promote education of girls.These include micro- planning and community mobilisation; greater involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions; improvement of school infrastructure through Operation Black Board Scheme; establishment of separate schools for girls; provision of attendance scholarships; free text books and uniforms; exemption from tuition fees; appointment of more women teachers and provision of separate toilets for girls. Under the Centrally Sponsored scheme of Non-Formal Education, there is a special focus on girls.The introduction of the Mid-day Meals Programme has also had a positive effect on enrolment and retention of girls in primary schools.